

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action mailed February 11, 2004 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 42-53 are pending in the application. Claims 42-53 were rejected.

In paragraph 3 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 42-53 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-4, 7-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,308,325 to Dobbek.

Applicant respectfully traverses the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. However, a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.130 and 1.321(c) is attached. Acceptance of the attached terminal disclaimer is requested by the submitting attorney of record on behalf of assignee, IBM Corporation.

In paragraph 5 on page 5 of the Office Action, claims 42, 43, 45, 47-50 were rejected under § 112, second paragraph.

Applicant respectfully traverses the § 112 rejection. However, in accordance with Examiner's suggestions, Applicant has amended claims 42-43, 45-47 and 49-50. Applicant submits that the amendments to the claims do not narrow or change the scope of Applicant's application.

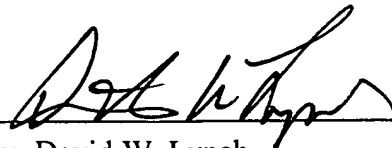
On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

Please charge deposit account 50-0996 in the amount of \$110 for the filing of the attached terminal disclaimer.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicant, David W. Lynch, at 651-686-6633 Ext. 116.

CRAWFORD MAUNU PLLC
1270 Northland Drive, Suite 390
Saint Paul, MN 55120
(651) 686-6633

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Name: David W. Lynch
Reg. No.: 36,204